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FOR: WORKTABLE DEVICE AND  
PLASMA PROCESSING  
APPARATUS FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is an amendment responsive to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 18 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A worktable device for a semiconductor process, comprising:

a worktable having a main surface for supporting a target substrate and a sub-surface disposed around said main surface;

a cooling mechanism disposed in said worktable and configured to supply cold to the main surface and the sub-surface;

a focus ring placed on the sub-surface and configured to surround the target substrate on the main surface;

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